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Leroy Ian Brandon

Private, USMC

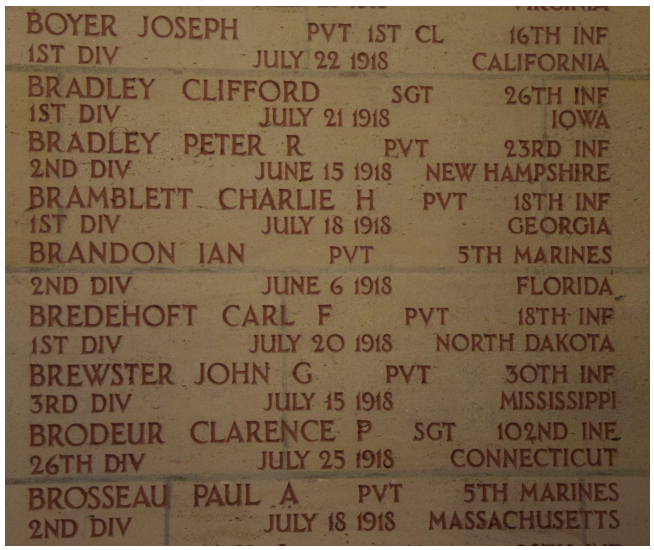
Short Biography

Leroy Ian Brandon was born in Clearwater, FL on June 10, 1897, to Judge Leroy John Brandon and Mary Isabell Reynolds. He graduated from high school and enlisted in the Marines on February 15, 1917, joining the 49th Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Brigade, 2nd Division.

He arrived in France in late June/early July 1917, among the first Americans ready to join the war that had raged since August 1914. He was killed in action on June 6, 1918, on the first day of the Battle of Belleau Wood, one of the most important battles in Marine Corps History. His body was never recovered. He is memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, Aisne, France, near where he died.

UCF VLP has a full biography of Leroy Ian Brandon

Wall of the Missing with Ian Brandon's name at Aisne Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France,



Key Historical Themes & Events

- USMC History
- World War I
- Battle of Belleau Wood
- Aisne-Marne American Cemetery

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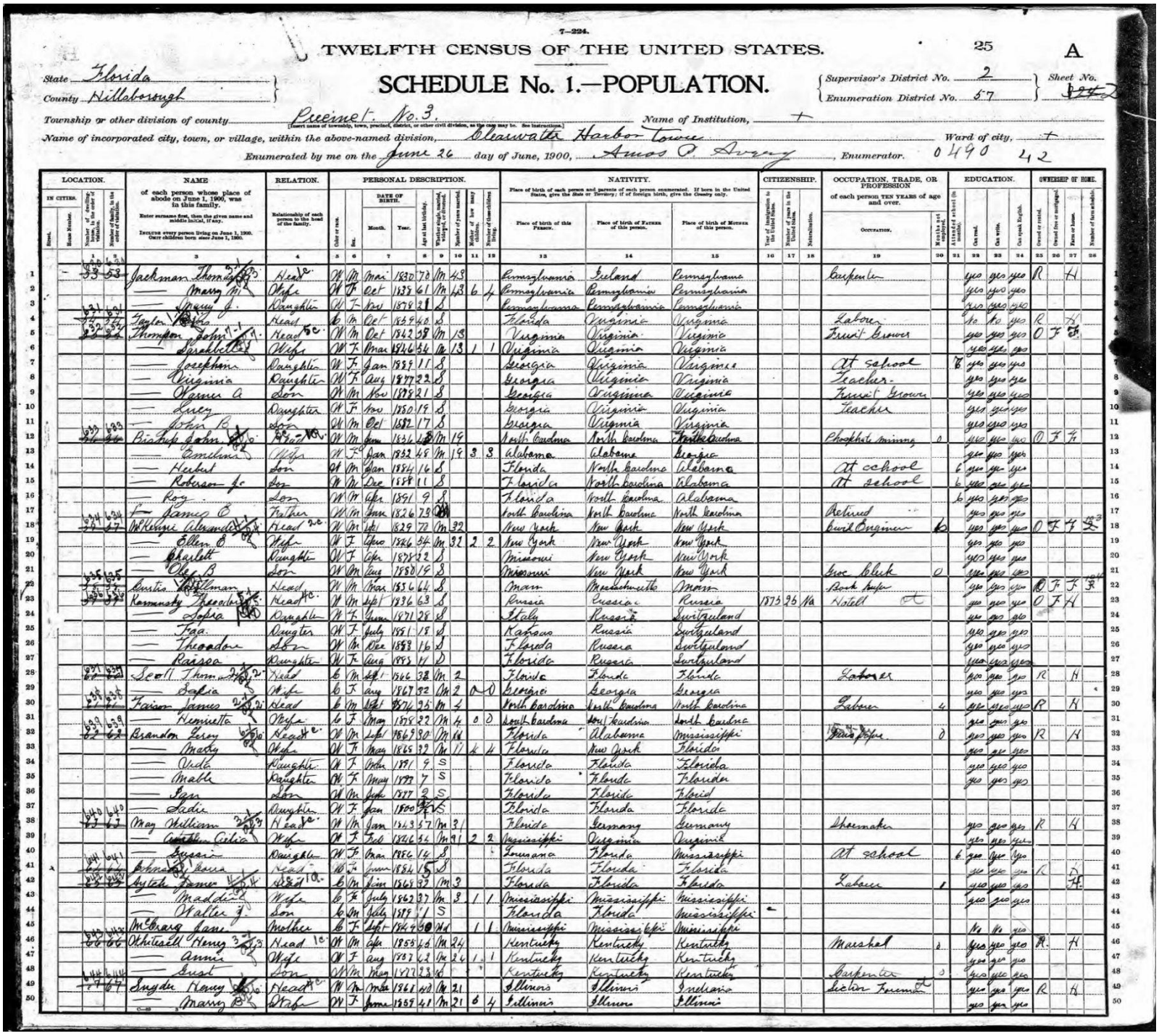

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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. 25 A

State Florida
County Hillsborough

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 2
Enumeration District No. 57
Sheet No. 12A

Township or other division of county Precinct No. 3. Name of Institution, +
Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Clearwater Harbor Town. Ward of city, +
Enumerated by me on the June 26 day of June, 1900, Amos P. Avery, Enumerator. 0490 42

	Location	Name	Relation	Personal Description	Nativity	Citizenship	Occupation, Trade, or Profession	Education	Ownership of Home
1	93 93	Jackman Thomas	Head	W M Mar 1830 70 M 43	Pennsylvania	England	Pennsylvania	Carpenter	yes yes yes	R H
2		Mary M	Wife	W F Oct 1838 61 M 43 6 4	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	yes yes yes	
3		Mary J.	Daughter	W F Nov 1878 21 S	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	yes yes yes	
4	94 94	Taylor Vida	Head	b M Oct 1884 40 S	Florida	Virginia	Virginia	No No yes	R H
5	95 95	Thompson John W.	Head	W M Oct 1842 58 M 18	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Fruit Grower	yes yes yes	O F
6		Sarah Belle	Wife	W F Mar 1846 54 M 13 1 1	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	yes yes yes	
7		Josephine	Daughter	W F Jan 1889 11 S	Georgia	Virginia	Virginia	At school	6 yes yes yes	
8		Virginia	Daughter	W F Aug 1877 22 S	Georgia	Virginia	Virginia	Teacher	yes yes yes	
9		Warner A	Son	W M Nov 1878 21 S	Georgia	Virginia	Virginia	Fruit Grower	yes yes yes	
10		Lucy	Daughter	W F Nov 1880 19 S	Georgia	Virginia	Virginia	Teacher	yes yes yes	
11		John B	Son	W M Oct 1882 17 S	Georgia	Virginia	Virginia	yes yes yes	
12	699 699	Bishop John W.	Head	W M Jan 1836 64 M 19	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Phosphate mining	O yes yes yes	O F H
13		Emelina	Wife	W F Jan 1852 48 M 19 3 3	Alabama	Alabama	Georgia	yes yes yes	
14		Herbert	Son	W M Jan 1884 16 S	Florida	North Carolina	Alabama	At school	6 yes yes yes	
15		Robinson Jr	Son	W M Dec 1885 11 S	Florida	North Carolina	Alabama	At school	6 yes yes yes	
16		Roy	Son	W M Apr 1891 9 S	Florida	North Carolina	Alabama		6 yes yes yes	
17		James B	Father	W M Jan 1826 73 W	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Retired	yes yes yes	
18	624 624	McKenzie Alexander	Head	W M Oct 1829 70 M 39	New York	New York	New York	Civil Engineer	O yes yes yes	O F H
19		Ellen B	Wife	W F Apr 1846 54 M 32 2 2	New York	New York	New York	yes yes yes	
20		Charlott	Daughter	W F Apr 1878 22 S	Missouri	New York	New York	yes yes yes	
21		Chas B	Son	W M Aug 1880 19 S	Missouri	New York	New York	Gen Clerk	O yes yes yes	
22	695 695	Curtis Silliman	Head	W M Mar 1836 64 S	Mass	Massachusetts	Mass	Book keeper	yes yes yes	O F H
23	696 696	Kennesky Theodore	Head	W M Apr 1836 63 S	Russia	Russia	Russia	1875 26 No Hotell	yes yes yes	O F H
24		Sofia	Daughter	W F June 1871 28 S	Italy	Russia	Switzerland	yes yes yes	
25		Fag.	Daughter	W F July 1881 18 S	Kansas	Russia	Switzerland	yes yes yes	
26		Theodor	Son	W M Dec 1883 16 S	Florida	Russia	Switzerland	yes yes yes	
27		Raissa	Daughter	W F Aug 1885 14 S	Florida	Russia	Switzerland	yes yes yes	
28	631 634	Scott Thomas	Head	b M Sept 1866 38 M 2	Florida	Florida	Florida	Laborer	yes yes yes	R H
29		Sofia	Wife	b F Aug 1867 32 M 2 0 0	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	yes yes yes	
30	634 634	Faison James	Head	b M Sept 1874 25 M 4	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Laborer 4	yes yes yes	R H
31		Henrietta	Wife	b F May 1878 22 M 4 0 0	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina	yes yes yes	
32	639 639	Brandon Leroy	Head	W M Sept 1869 30 M 10	Florida	Alabama	Mississippi	Farm Helper 0	yes yes yes	R H
33		Mary	Wife	W F May 1865 32 M 11 4 4	Florida	New York	Florida	yes yes yes	
34		Vida	Daughter	W F Nov 1891 9 S	Florida	Florida	Florida	yes yes yes	
35		Marble	Daughter	W F May 1893 7 S	Florida	Florida	Florida	yes yes yes	
36		Ian	Son	W M July 1899 2 S	Florida	Florida	Florid		
37		Sadie	Daughter	W F Jan 1900 5/12 S	Florida	Florida	Florida		
38	640 640	May William	Head	W M Jan 1843 57 M 31	Florida	Germany	Germany	Shoemaker	yes yes yes	R H
39		Cordelia Celia	Wife	W F Feb 1846 54 M 31 2 2	Mississippi	Virginia	Virginia	yes yes yes	
40		Eugenia	Daughter	W F Mar 1886 14 S	Louisiana	Florida	Mississippi	At school	6 yes yes yes	
41	641 641	Johnson Rosa	Head	W F June 1884 15 S	Florida	Florida	Florida	yes yes yes	R D
42	642 642	Aytch James W.	Head	b M Jan 1865 37 M 3	Florida	Florida	Florida	Laborer 1	yes yes yes	H
43		Maddie	Wife	b F July 1862 37 M 3 1 1	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	yes yes yes	
44		Walter J.	Son	b M July 1889 1/1 S	Florida	Florida	Mississippi		
45	643 643	McCraig Jane	Mother	b F Sept 1844 60 W 1 1	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	No No yes	
46	66 66	Ohlweiler Henry	Head	W M Jan 1855 46 M 24	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Marshal 2	yes yes yes	R H
47		Annie	Wife	W F Aug 1857 43 M 24 1 1	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	yes yes yes	
48		Gust	Son	W M May 1877 23 S	Kentucky	Kentucky	Kentucky	Carpenter 3	yes yes yes	
49	644 644	Snyder Henry	Head	W M Mar 1860 40 M 21	Illinois	Illinois	Indiana	Victor Fireman	yes yes yes	R H
50		Mary B	Wife	W F June 1858 41 M 21 6 4	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	yes yes yes	

In 1900, 2-year-old Ian (line 36) lived with his parents, Leroy and Marry, and his three sisters Vida (9), Marble (7) and Sadie (months old) in Clearwater, FL, in a rented house.

"1900 United States Federal Census," database, *Ancestry* (Ancestry.com: Accessed July 30, 2026) entry for Leroy Ian Brandon.

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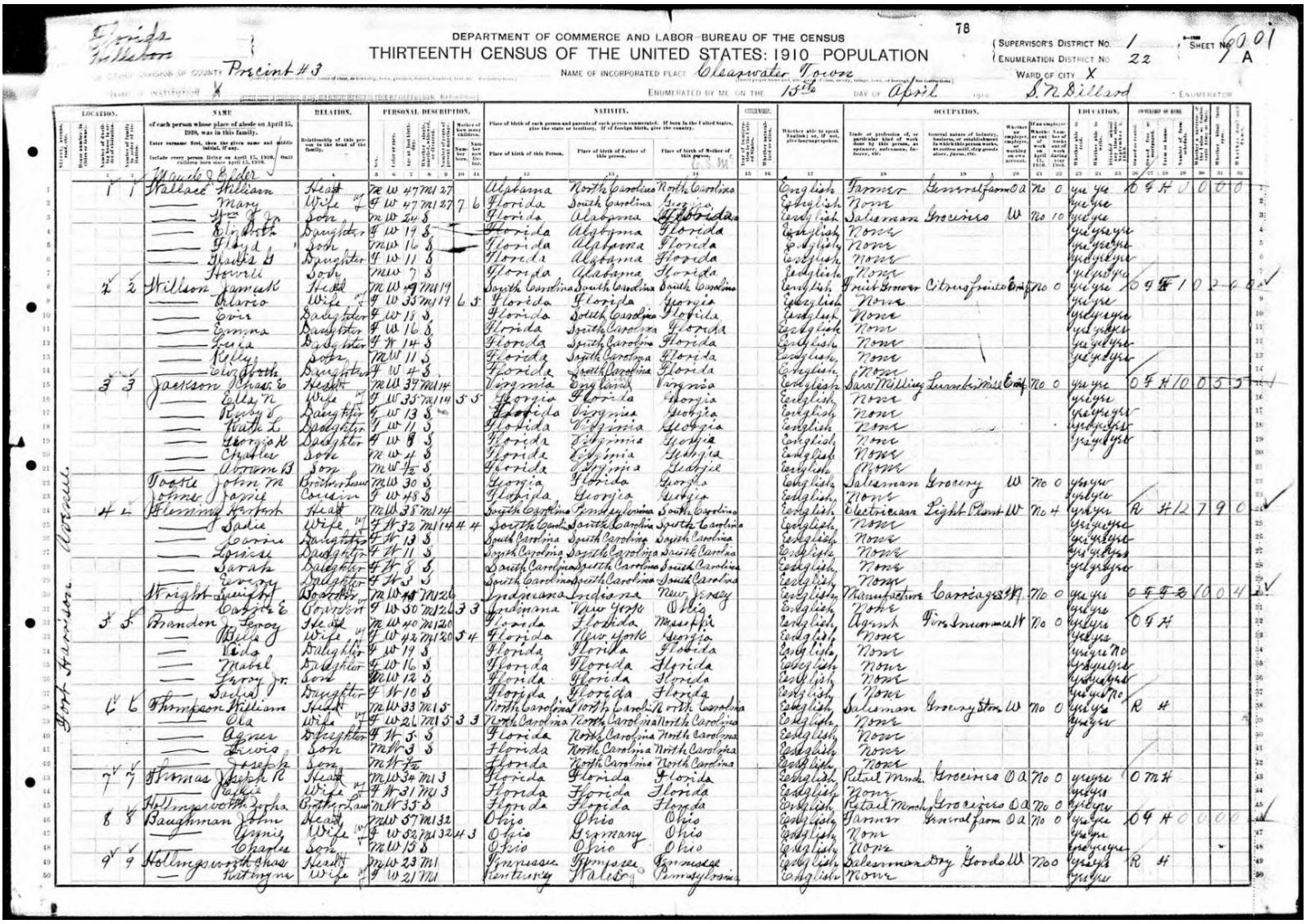

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In 1910, 12-year-old Ian (line 36) and his family still lived in Clearwater, FL, where they owned their home. Ian attended school.

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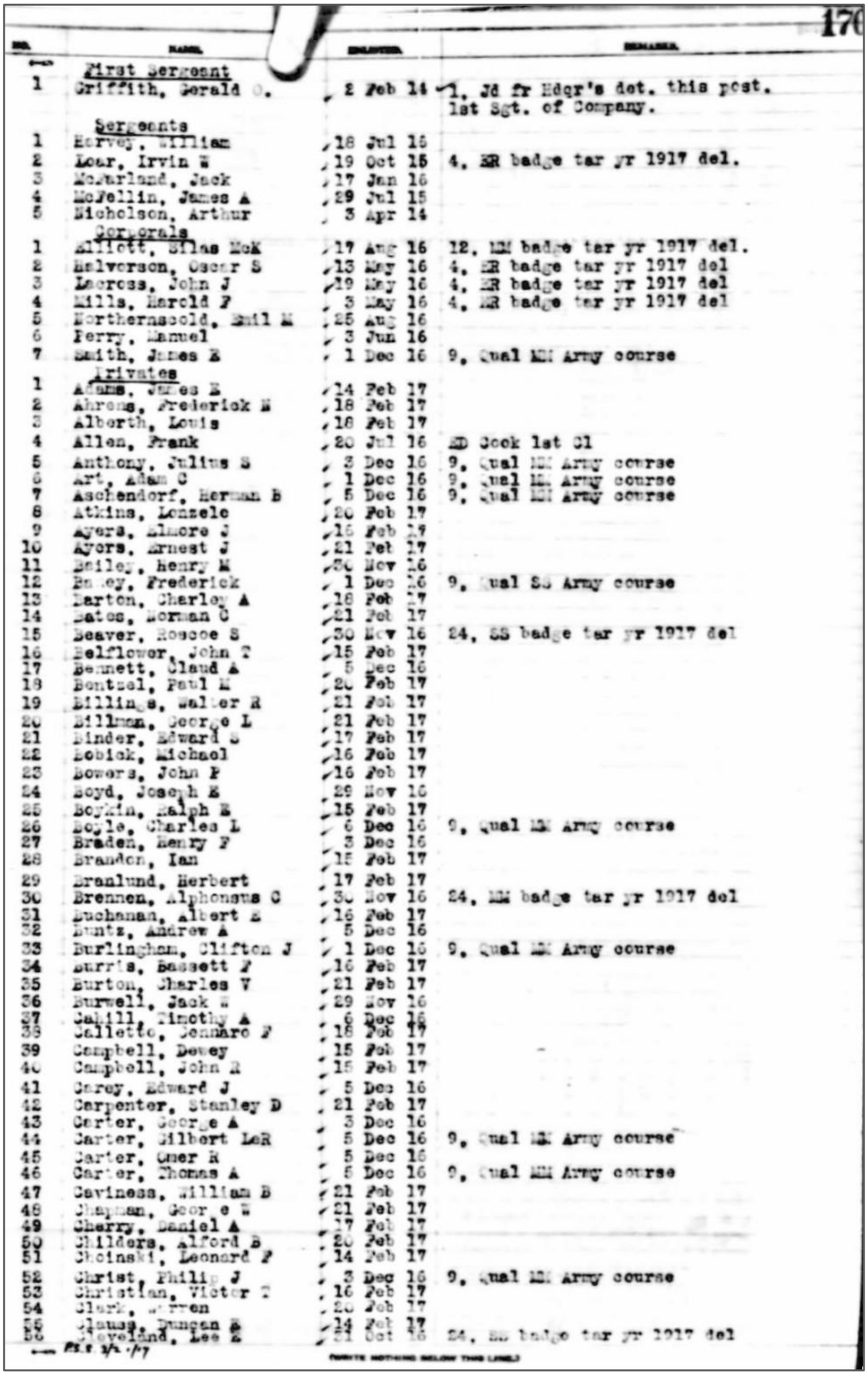

No.	Name	Enlisted	Remarks
	First Sergeant		
1	Griffith, Gerald O.	2 Feb 14	1, Jd fr Hdqr's det. this post. 1st Sgt. of Company.
	Sergeants		
1	Harvey, William	18 Jul 15	
2	Loar, Irvin W	19 Oct 15	4, MR badge tar yr 1917 del.
3	Moorland, Jack	17 Jan 16	
4	McFellin, James A	29 Jul 15	
5	Nicholson, Arthur	3 Apr 14	
	Corporals		
1	Allott, Silas Mck	17 Aug 16	12, MM badge tar yr 1917 del.
2	Halverson, Oscar S	13 May 16	4, MR badge tar yr 1917 del
3	Lacross, John J	19 May 16	4, MR badge tar yr 1917 del
4	Mills, Harold F	3 May 16	4, MR badge tar yr 1917 del
5	Northernscold, Emil M	25 Aug 16	
6	Perry, Manuel	3 Jun 16	
7	Smith, James E	1 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
	Privates		
1	Adams, James E	14 Feb 17	
2	Ahrens, Frederick H	18 Feb 17	
3	Alberth, Louis	16 Feb 17	
4	Allen, Frank	20 Jul 16	MD Cook 1st Cl
5	Anthony, Julius S	8 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
6	Art, Adam C	1 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
7	Aschendorf, Herman B	5 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
8	Atkins, Lonzele	20 Feb 17	
9	Ayers, Elmore J	16 Feb 17	
10	Ayers, Ernest J	21 Feb 17	
11	Bailey, Henry M	30 Nov 16	
12	Bailey, Frederick	1 Dec 16	9, Qual SS Army course
13	Barton, Charley A	18 Feb 17	
14	Bates, Norman C	21 Feb 17	
15	Beaver, Roscoe S	30 Nov 16	24, SS badge tar yr 1917 del
16	Belflower, John T	15 Feb 17	
17	Bennett, Claud A	5 Dec 16	
18	Bentzel, Paul M	20 Feb 17	
19	Billings, Walter R	21 Feb 17	
20	Billman, George L	21 Feb 17	
21	Binder, Edward C	17 Feb 17	
22	Bobick, Michael	16 Feb 17	
23	Bowers, John F	16 Feb 17	
24	Boyd, Joseph E	29 Nov 16	
25	Boykin, Ralph E	15 Feb 17	
26	Boyle, Charles L	6 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
27	Braden, Henry F	3 Dec 16	
28	Brandon, Ian	15 Feb 17	
29	Branlund, Herbert	17 Feb 17	
30	Brennen, Alphonsus C	30 Nov 16	24, MM badge tar yr 1917 del
31	Buchanan, Albert E	16 Feb 17	
32	Buntz, Andrew A	5 Dec 16	
33	Burlingham, Clifton J	1 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
34	Burris, Bassett F	16 Feb 17	
35	Burton, Charles V	21 Feb 17	
36	Burwell, Jack W	29 Nov 16	
37	Cahill, Timothy A	6 Dec 16	
38	Caliette, Leonard F	16 Feb 17	
39	Campbell, Dewey	15 Feb 17	
40	Campbell, John R	15 Feb 17	
41	Carey, Edward J	5 Dec 16	
42	Carpenter, Stanley D	21 Feb 17	
43	Carter, George A	3 Dec 16	
44	Carter, Gilbert LeR	5 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
45	Carter, Omer R	5 Dec 16	
46	Carter, Thomas A	5 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
47	Cavinessa, William B	21 Feb 17	
48	Chapman, George W	21 Feb 17	
49	Cherry, Daniel A	17 Feb 17	
50	Childers, Alford B	20 Feb 17	
51	Chojnski, Leonard F	14 Feb 17	
52	Christ, Philip J	3 Dec 16	9, Qual MM Army course
53	Christian, Victor T	16 Feb 17	
54	Clark, Warren	20 Feb 17	
55	Clauss, Duncan E	14 Feb 17	
56	Cleveland, Lee E	21 Oct 16	24, MM badge tar yr 1917 del

The February 1917 Muster Roll for February indicated (on line 28) Ian's enlistment into the US Marine Corps on February 15, 1917.

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed June 15, 2026), entry for Leroy Ian Brandon.

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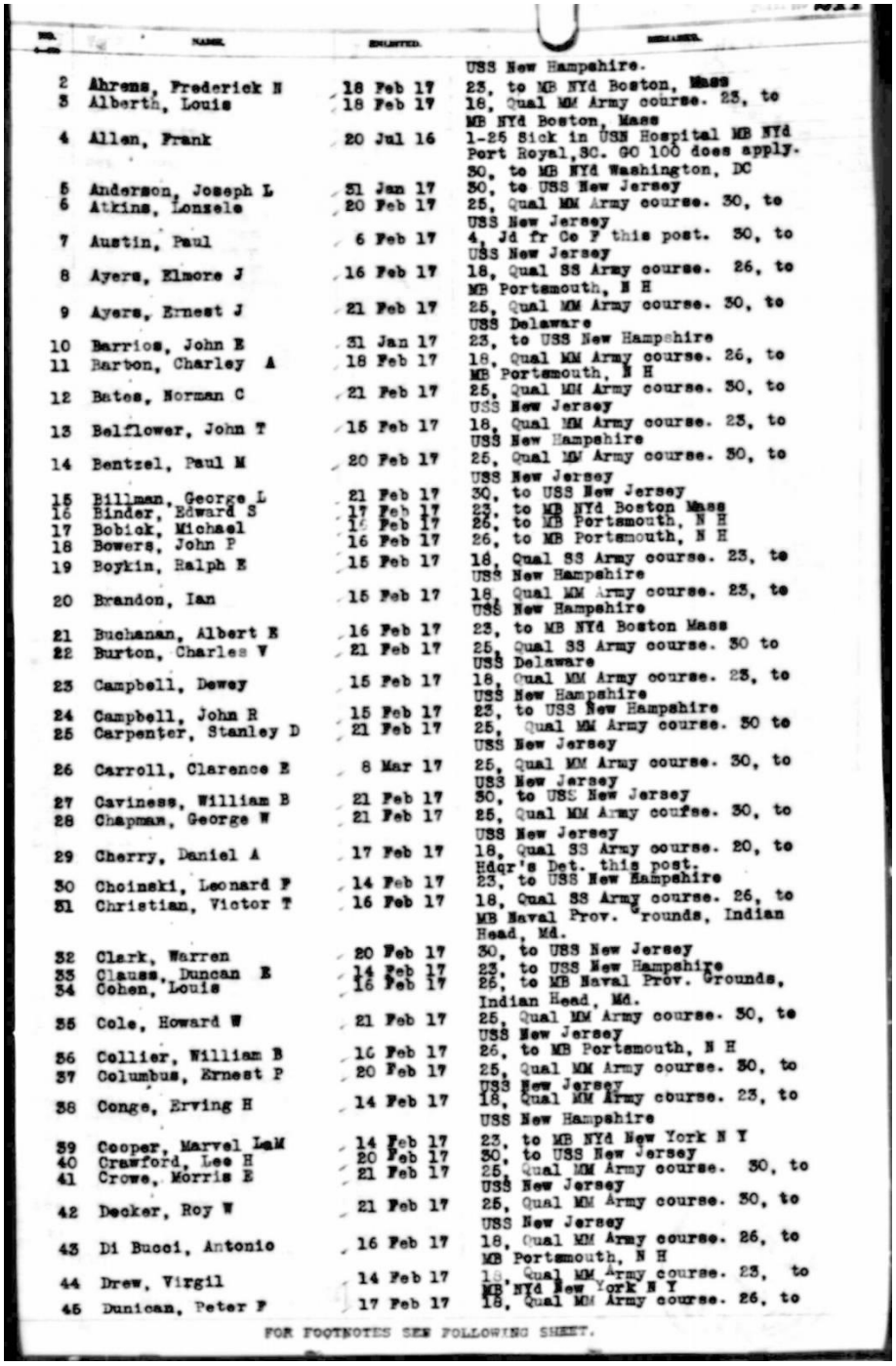
Muster Roll: April 1917



	NAME.	ENLISTED.	REMARKS.
			USS New Hampshire.
2	Ahrens, Frederick H	18 Feb 17	23, to MB NYd Boston, Mass
3	Alberth, Louis	18 Feb 17	16, Qual MM Army course. 25, to MB NYd Boston, Mass
4	Allen, Frank	20 Jul 16	1-25 Sick in USN Hospital MB NYd Port Royal,SC. GO 100 does apply. 30, to MB NYd Washington, DC
5	Anderson, Joseph L	31 Jan 17	30, to USS New Jersey
6	Atkins, Lonzele	20 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
7	Austin, Paul	6 Feb 17	4, Jd fr Co F this post. 30, to USS New Jersey
8	Ayers, Elmore J	16 Feb 17	18, Qual SS Army course. 26, to MB Portsmouth, N H
9	Ayers, Ernest J	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS Delaware
10	Barrios, John E	31 Jan 17	23, to USS New Hampshire
11	Barton, Charley A	18 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 26, to MB Portsmouth, N H
12	Bates, Norman C	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
13	Belflower, John T	15 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 23, to USS New Hampshire
14	Bentzel, Paul M	20 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
15	Billman, George L	21 Feb 17	30, to USS New Jersey
16	Binder, Edward S	17 Feb 17	23, to MB NYd Boston Mass
17	Bobick, Michael	16 Feb 17	26, to MB Portsmouth, N H
18	Bowers, John P	16 Feb 17	26, to MB Portsmouth, N H
19	Boykin, Ralph E	15 Feb 17	18, Qual SS Army course. 23, to USS New Hampshire
20	Brandon, Ian	15 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 23, to USS New Hampshire
21	Buchanan, Albert E	16 Feb 17	23, to MB NYd Boston Mass
22	Burton, Charles V	21 Feb 17	25, Qual SS Army course. 30 to USS Delaware
23	Campbell, Dewey	15 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 23, to USS New Hampshire
24	Campbell, John R	15 Feb 17	23, to USS New Hampshire
25	Carpenter, Stanley D	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30 to USS New Jersey
26	Carroll, Clarence E	8 Mar 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
27	Caviness, William B	21 Feb 17	30, to USS New Jersey
28	Chapman, George W	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
29	Cherry, Daniel A	17 Feb 17	18, Qual SS Army course. 20, to Hdqr's Det. this post.
30	Choinski, Leonard F	14 Feb 17	23, to USS New Hampshire
31	Christian, Victor T	16 Feb 17	18, Qual SS Army course. 26, to MB Naval Prov. Grounds, Indian Head, Md.
32	Clark, Warren	20 Feb 17	30, to USS New Jersey
33	Clauss, Duncan E	14 Feb 17	23, to USS New Hampshire
34	Cohen, Louis	16 Feb 17	26, to MB Naval Prov. Grounds, Indian Head, Md.
35	Cole, Howard W	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
36	Collier, William B	16 Feb 17	26, to MB Portsmouth, N H
37	Columbus, Ernest P	20 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
38	Conge, Erving H	14 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 23, to USS New Hampshire
39	Cooper, Marvel LaM	14 Feb 17	23, to MB NYd New York N Y
40	Crawford, Lee H	20 Feb 17	30, to USS New Jersey
41	Crowe, Morris E	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
42	Decker, Roy W	21 Feb 17	25, Qual MM Army course. 30, to USS New Jersey
43	Di Bucci, Antonio	16 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 26, to MB Portsmouth, N H
44	Drew, Virgil	14 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 23, to MB NYd New York N Y
45	Dunican, Peter F	17 Feb 17	18, Qual MM Army course. 26, to

FOR FOOTNOTES SEE FOLLOWING SHEET.

The April 1917 Muster Roll listed Ian (line 20) as serving aboard the Battleship USS *New Hampshire*.

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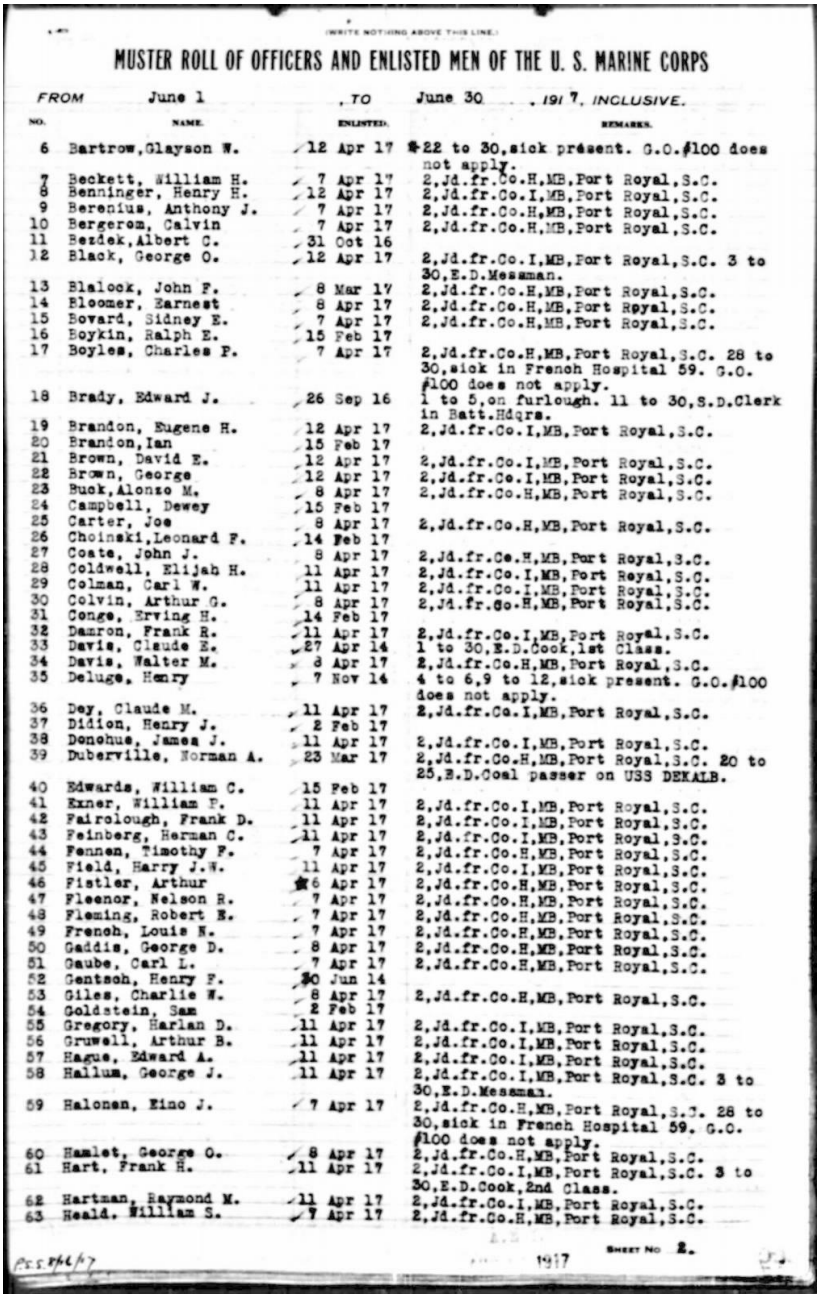
Muster Roll: June 1917



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MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

FROM June 1 , TO June 30 , 1917, INCLUSIVE.

NO.	NAME.	ENLISTED.	REMARKS.
6	Bartrow,Glayson W.	12 Apr 17	22 to 30,sick present. G.O.#100 does not apply.
7	Beckett, William H.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
8	Benninger, Henry H.	12 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
9	Berenius, Anthony J.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
10	Bergerom, Calvin	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
11	Bezdek,Albert C.	31 Oct 16	
12	Black, George O.	12 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C. 3 to 30,E.D.Messman.
13	Blalock, John F.	8 Mar 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
14	Bloomer, Earnest	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
15	Bovard, Sidney E.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
16	Boykin, Ralph E.	15 Feb 17	
17	Boyles, Charles P.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C. 28 to 30,sick in French Hospital 59. G.O. #100 does not apply.
18	Brady, Edward J.	26 Sep 16	1 to 5,on furlough. 11 to 30,S.D.Clerk in Batt.Hdqrs.
19	Brandon, Eugene H.	12 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
20	Brandon,Ian	15 Feb 17	
21	Brown, David E.	12 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
22	Brown, George	12 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
23	Buck,Alonzo M.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
24	Campbell, Dewey	15 Feb 17	
25	Carter, Joe	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
26	Choinski,Leonard F.	14 Feb 17	
27	Coate, John J.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
28	Coldwell, Elijah H.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
29	Colman, Carl W.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
30	Colvin, Arthur G.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
31	Conge, Erving H.	14 Feb 17	
32	Damron, Frank R.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
33	Davis, Claude E.	27 Apr 14	1 to 30,E.D.Cook,1st Class.
34	Davis, Walter M.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
35	Deluge, Henry	7 Nov 14	4 to 6,9 to 12,sick present. G.O.#100 does not apply.
36	Dey, Claude M.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
37	Didion, Henry J.	2 Feb 17	
38	Donohue, James J.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
39	Duberville, Norman A.	23 Mar 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C. 20 to 25,E.D.Coal passer on USS DEKALB.
40	Edwards, William C.	15 Feb 17	
41	Exner, William F.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
42	Fairclough, Frank D.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
43	Feinberg, Herman C.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
44	Fennen, Timothy F.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
45	Field, Harry J.W.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
46	Fistler, Arthur	6 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
47	Fleenor, Nelson R.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
48	Fleming, Robert E.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
49	French, Louis N.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
50	Gaddis, George D.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
51	Gaube, Carl L.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
52	Gentsch, Henry F.	30 Jun 14	
53	Giles, Charlie W.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
54	Goldstein, Sam	2 Feb 17	
55	Gregory, Harlan D.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
56	Gruwell, Arthur B.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
57	Hague, Edward A.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
58	Hallum, George J.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C. 3 to 30,E.D.Messman.
59	Halonen, Eino J.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C. 28 to 30,sick in French Hospital 59. G.O. #100 does not apply.
60	Hamlet, George O.	8 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
61	Hart, Frank H.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C. 3 to 30,E.D.Cook,2nd Class.
62	Hartman, Raymond M.	11 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.I,MB,Port Royal,S.C.
63	Heald, William S.	7 Apr 17	2,Jd.fr.Co.H,MB,Port Royal,S.C.

1917 SHEET NO. 2.

A June 1917 Muster Roll showed Ian (line 20) at Port Royal, SC, where he and his comrades waited for transport to France. The Marines have had an instillation at Port Royal since 1891. The Corps designated Parris Island, a part of Port Royal, as a recruit depot in 1915.

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed June 15, 2026), entry for Leroy Ian Brandon.

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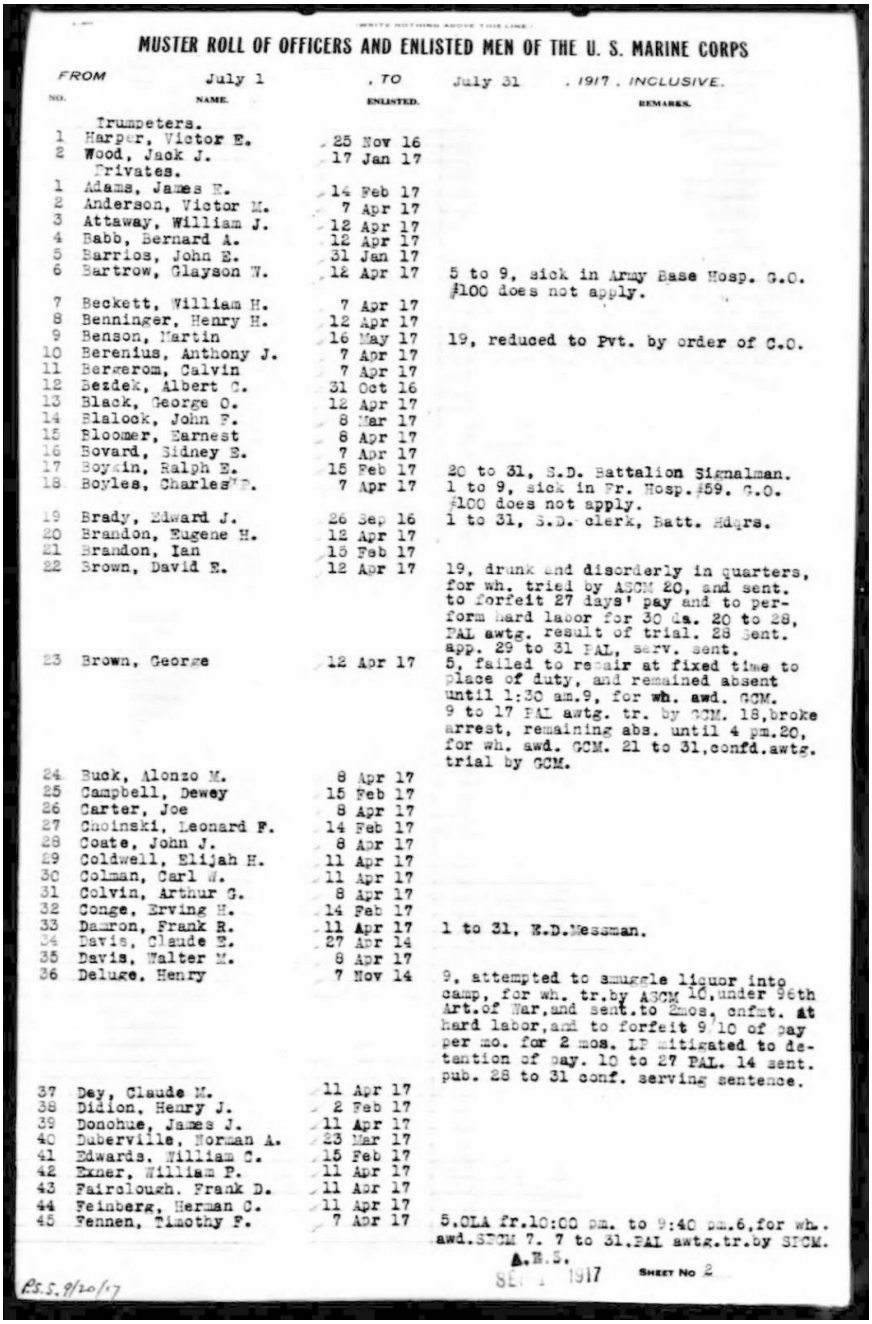
Muster Roll: July 1917



MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

FROM July 1 TO July 31 1917, INCLUSIVE.

NO.	NAME.	ENLISTED.	REMARKS.
	Trumpeters.		
1	Harper, Victor E.	25 Nov 16	
2	Wood, Jack J.	17 Jan 17	
	Privates.		
1	Adams, James E.	14 Feb 17	
2	Anderson, Victor M.	7 Apr 17	
3	Attaway, William J.	12 Apr 17	
4	Babb, Bernard A.	12 Apr 17	
5	Barrios, John E.	31 Jan 17	
6	Bartrow, Clayson W.	12 Apr 17	5 to 9, sick in Army Base Hosp. C.O. #100 does not apply.
7	Beckett, William H.	7 Apr 17	
8	Benninger, Henry H.	12 Apr 17	
9	Benson, Martin	16 May 17	19, reduced to Pvt. by order of C.O.
10	Berenius, Anthony J.	7 Apr 17	
11	Bergerom, Calvin	7 Apr 17	
12	Bezdek, Albert C.	31 Oct 16	
13	Black, George O.	12 Apr 17	
14	Blalock, John F.	8 Mar 17	
15	Bloomer, Earnest	8 Apr 17	
16	Bovard, Sidney E.	7 Apr 17	
17	Boykin, Ralph E.	15 Feb 17	20 to 31, S.D. Battalion Signalman.
18	Boyles, Charles H.	7 Apr 17	1 to 9, sick in Fr. Hosp. #59. C.O. #100 does not apply.
19	Brady, Edward J.	26 Sep 16	1 to 31, S.D. clerk, Batt. Hdqrs.
20	Brandon, Eugene H.	12 Apr 17	
21	Brandon, Ian	15 Feb 17	
22	Brown, David E.	12 Apr 17	19, drunk and disorderly in quarters, for wh. tried by ASCM 20, and sent. to forfeit 27 days' pay and to perform hard labor for 30 da. 20 to 28, PAL awtg. result of trial. 28 sent. app. 29 to 31 PAL, serv. sent.
23	Brown, George	12 Apr 17	5, failed to repair at fixed time to place of duty, and remained absent until 1:30 am.9, for wh. awd. GCM. 9 to 17 PAL awtg. tr. by GCM. 18, broke arrest, remaining abs. until 4 pm.20, for wh. awd. GCM. 21 to 31, confd.awtg. trial by GCM.
24	Buck, Alonzo M.	8 Apr 17	
25	Campbell, Dewey	15 Feb 17	
26	Carter, Joe	8 Apr 17	
27	Chojnski, Leonard F.	14 Feb 17	
28	Coate, John J.	8 Apr 17	
29	Coldwell, Elijah H.	11 Apr 17	
30	Colman, Carl W.	11 Apr 17	
31	Colvin, Arthur G.	8 Apr 17	
32	Conge, Erving H.	14 Feb 17	
33	Damron, Frank R.	11 Apr 17	1 to 31, M.D. Messman.
34	Davis, Claude T.	27 Apr 14	
35	Davis, Walter M.	8 Apr 17	
36	Deluse, Henry	7 Nov 14	9, attempted to smuggle liquor into camp, for wh. tr. by ASCM 10, under 96th Art. of War, and sent. to 2mos, confnt. at hard labor, and to forfeit 9/10 of pay per mo. for 2 mos. LP mitigated to detention of pay. 10 to 27 PAL. 14 sent. pub. 28 to 31 conf. serving sentence.
37	Dey, Claude M.	11 Apr 17	
38	Didion, Henry J.	2 Feb 17	
39	Donohue, James J.	11 Apr 17	
40	Duberville, Norman A.	23 Mar 17	
41	Edwards, William C.	15 Feb 17	
42	Exner, William P.	11 Apr 17	
43	Fairclough, Frank D.	11 Apr 17	
44	Feinberg, Herman C.	11 Apr 17	
45	Fennen, Timothy F.	7 Apr 17	5, OLA fr. 10:00 pm. to 9:40 pm. 6, for wh. awd. SPCM 7. 7 to 31, PAL awtg. tr. by SPCM.

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P.S.S. 8/20/17

A July 1917 Muster Roll does not provide a clear location for Ian (line 21). Nevertheless, the remarks next to Charles Boyles (line 18) indicate that he went to a French hospital. The roll also documents several of Ian's comrades' drinking behavior and the punishments they received.

"US, Marine Corps Muster Rolls, 1798-1958," database, *Fold3* (fold3.com: Accessed June 15, 2026), entry for Leroy Ian Brandon.

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Transcript of an article in the *Tampa Tribune*

Ian Brandon, a private of the 49th company, according to advices just made public is among the "First to Fight" marines who have gone to France.

Private Brandon is the son of Judge and Mrs. Leroy Brandon of Clearwater and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Savannah, Ga., in February 1917. He has displayed such marked ability and daring that he was among the first to be chosen for active over-the-seas service.

On August 7, 1917 *The Tampa Tribune* announced Ian as one of the first Marines who went over to Europe. The article included the "First to Fight" Marine Corps slogan.

"St. Pete Loses the County Board Trade," *The Tampa Bay Tribune* (Tampa Florida), August 7, 1917, Newspaper.com.

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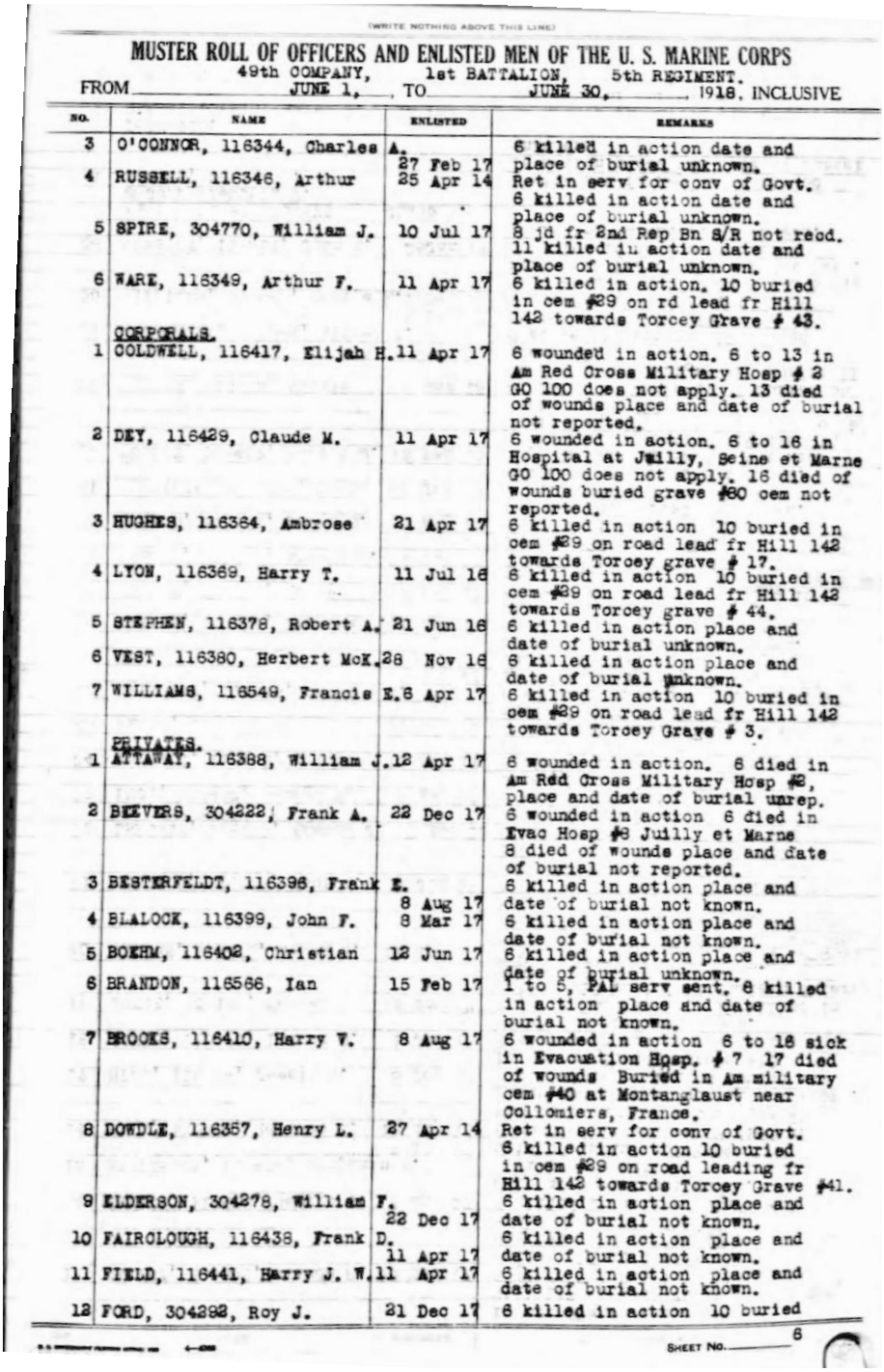

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MUSTER ROLL OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE U. S. MARINE CORPS

49th COMPANY, 1st BATTALION, 5th REGIMENT.

FROM JUNE 1, TO JUNE 30, 1918, INCLUSIVE

NO.	NAME	ENLISTED	REMARKS
3	O'CONNOR, 116344, Charles A.	27 Feb 17	6 killed in action date and place of burial unknown.
4	RUSSELL, 116346, Arthur	25 Apr 14	Ret in serv for conv of Govt.
5	SPIRE, 304770, William J.	10 Jul 17	6 killed in action date and place of burial unknown. 8 jd fr 2nd Rep Bn S/R not recd.
6	WARE, 116349, Arthur F.	11 Apr 17	11 killed in action date and place of burial unknown. 6 killed in action. 10 buried in cem #29 on rd lead fr Hill 142 towards Torcey Grave # 43.
	CORPORALS.		
1	COLDWELL, 116417, Elijah H.	11 Apr 17	6 wounded in action. 6 to 13 in Am Red Cross Military Hosp # 2 GO 100 does not apply. 13 died of wounds place and date of burial not reported.
2	DEY, 116429, Claude M.	11 Apr 17	6 wounded in action. 6 to 16 in Hospital at Juilly, Seine et Marne GO 100 does not apply. 16 died of wounds buried grave #80 cem not reported.
3	HUGHES, 116364, Ambrose	21 Apr 17	6 killed in action 10 buried in cem #29 on road lead fr Hill 142 towards Torcey grave # 17.
4	LYON, 116369, Harry T.	11 Jul 16	6 killed in action 10 buried in cem #29 on road lead fr Hill 142 towards Torcey grave # 44.
5	STEPHEN, 116378, Robert A.	21 Jun 16	6 killed in action place and date of burial unknown.
6	VEST, 116380, Herbert McK.	28 Nov 16	6 killed in action place and date of burial unknown.
7	WILLIAMS, 116549, Francis E.	6 Apr 17	6 killed in action 10 buried in cem #29 on road lead fr Hill 142 towards Torcey Grave # 3.
	PRIVATES.		
1	ATTAWAY, 116388, William J.	12 Apr 17	6 wounded in action. 6 died in Am Red Cross Military Hosp #2, place and date of burial unrep.
2	BEEVERS, 304222, Frank A.	22 Dec 17	6 wounded in action 6 died in Evac Hosp #8 Juilly et Marne 8 died of wounds place and date of burial not reported.
3	BESTERFELDT, 116396, Frank E.	8 Aug 17	6 killed in action place and date of burial not known.
4	BLALOCK, 116399, John F.	8 Mar 17	6 killed in action place and date of burial not known.
5	BOEHM, 116402, Christian	12 Jun 17	6 killed in action place and date of burial unknown.
6	BRANDON, 116566, Ian	15 Feb 17	1 to 5, PAL serv sent. 6 killed in action place and date of burial not known.
7	BROOKS, 116410, Harry V.	8 Aug 17	6 wounded in action 6 to 16 sick in Evacuation Hosp. # 7 17 died of wounds Buried in Am military cem #40 at Montanglaust near Collomiers, France.
8	DOWDLE, 116357, Henry L.	27 Apr 14	Ret in serv for conv of Govt. 6 killed in action 10 buried in cem #29 on road leading fr Hill 142 towards Torcey Grave #41.
9	ELDERSON, 304278, William F.	22 Dec 17	6 killed in action place and date of burial not known.
10	FAIRCLOUGH, 116438, Frank D.	11 Apr 17	6 killed in action place and date of burial not known.
11	FIELD, 116441, Harry J. W.	11 Apr 17	6 killed in action place and date of burial not known.
12	FORD, 304282, Roy J.	21 Dec 17	6 killed in action 10 buried

SHEET NO. 6

A June 1918 Muster Roll for the 49th Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, listed Ian as killed in action on June 6 during the Battle of Belleau Wood. The roll indicated that the date and location of his burial as unknown.

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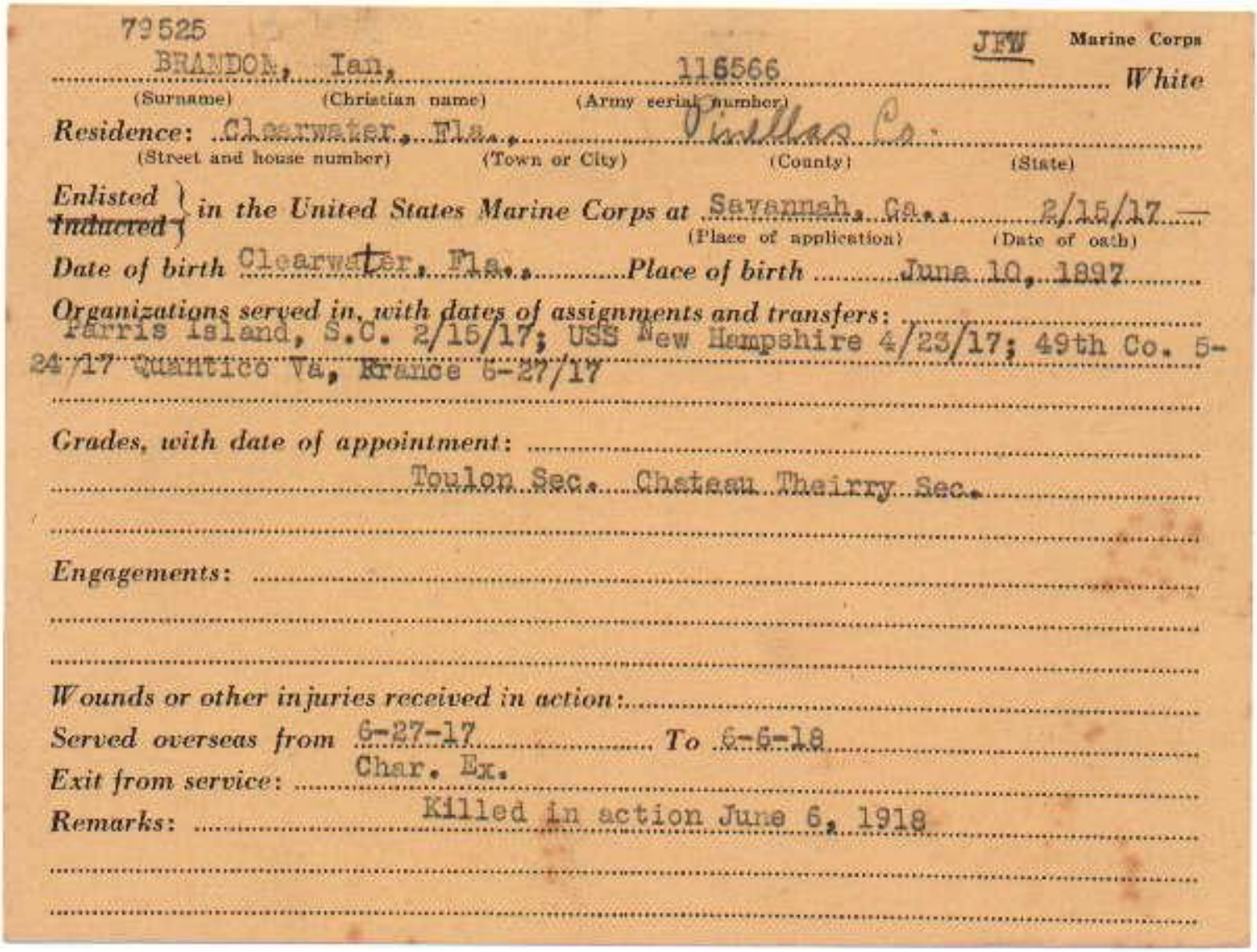
WWI Service Card



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BRANDON, Ian, 116566 JFW Marine Corps

(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) White

Residence: Clearwater, Fla., Pinellas Co.

(Street and house number) (Town or City) (County) (State)

Enlisted / Inducted in the United States Marine Corps at Savannah, Ga., 2/15/17

(Place of application) (Date of oath)

Date of birth Clearwater, Fla., Place of birth June 10, 1897

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Parris Island, S.C. 2/15/17; USS New Hampshire 4/23/17; 49th Co. 5-24-17 Quantico Va, France 6-27-17

Grades, with date of appointment: Toulon Sec. Chateau Thierry Sec.

Engagements:

Wounds or other injuries received in action:

Served overseas from 6-27-17 To 6-6-18

Exit from service: Char. Ex.

Remarks: Killed in action June 6, 1918

Ian's World War I Service Card documented his enlistment in the US Marine Corps in Savannah, GA, on February 15, 1917. It traced his service through Parris Island, SC; the USS *New Hampshire*; Quantico, VA; and France, where he served in the Toulon sector (in southern France) before serving on the front lines in the in the Château-Thierry sector, where Belleau Wood is located, from June 27, 1917, to June 6, 1918, the date of his death.

"Ian Brandon Service Card," database, *Florida Memory* (floridamemory.com: Accessed June 15, 2026), entry for Leroy Ian Brandon.

https://www.floridamemory.com/items/show/209745.

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Casualty List

SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT WAR 193

FLORIDA

KILLED IN ACTION

Lieutenants

BERRIMAN, George W., Tampa.
DE SAUSSURE, Edward C., Jacksonville.
GARRETT, Norman Ashton, Pensacola.
HATTON, J. W., Tampa.
HYMES, David, Pensacola.
JOHNSON, James A., St. Petersburg.
McKEOWN, Oliver T., Quincy.
MAKINSON, William T., Kissimmee.
MARKS, Willoughby R., Apalachicola.
MARSTON, Frank R., Pensacola.
OGLESBY, Knowles G., Bartow.
STEWART, Kirby P., Bradentown.
WHITE, Richard R., Starke.

Master Engineer

MACKAY, George L., Ocala.

Sergeants

BLANKENSHIP, Everett L., Parish.
FYLE, James S. P., Miami.
GOULD, Harold E., De Land.
HON, Paul L., De Land.
McKEE, John Van Lear, Eustis.
MEYER, Fernando P., Mount Dora.
NELSON, Lee, Fort Ogden.
PILCHER, Luther Wade, Chipley.
POOLER, John R., Miami.
SMITH, Harold V., Fruitland.

Corporals

BUSSEY, Allen G., Jacksonville.
CLEMONS, Robert R., Woodville.
COCHRAN, Thomas, Eustis.
CROSBY, Frank S., Belleview.
GAINEY, Walker A., De Funiak Springs.
RIDGILL, Rufus W., Labell.
SAULS, Claude, Tallahassee.
SUTCLIFFE, Clarence T., Miami.
WILLIS, Augustine, Charlotte Harbor.

Bugler

SAUNDERS, George R., Orlando.

Cook

PERKINS, Clarence E., Tampa.

Machine Gunner

CORNELL, Walter, Eustis.

Privates

ANDERSON, Carl O., Orlando.
ARNETT, Wylie, Dade City.
BAGGETT, Joseph B., Altha.
BELL, William Z., Marianna.
BENNETT, Leroy M., Maples.
BENNETT, Willis B., Millville.
BLAIR, Lonnie C., MacCleny.
BRANDON, Ian, Clearwater.
BRASWELL, Carradine E., Lloyd.
BROWN, Ben D., Orlando.
BULLARD, Francis H., Tillman.
CAIN, Comer C., Graceville.
CALHOUN, James F., Jacksonville.
CEDERSTROM, Oscar, Laurel Hill.
COARSEY, James C., Bradentown.
COLLIER, Leslie E., Sebring.
COOK, Willie W., Carr.
CROW, Charles C., Jacksonville.
DORR, Nathan D., Dunnellon.
GIDDEONS, Bury B., Paxton.
GILLETT, Tod F., Tampa.
GLASSBRENNER, Fred L., Jacksonville.
GOFF, George, Perry.
HALL, Robert, Warsaw.
HEISLER, Ralph E., Largo.
HICKS, Green B., Altha.
HODGE, Henry G., Palatka.
HOLMES, Henry H., Fort Pierce.
HUDDLESTON, Frank Bernard, Melbourne.
JAMES, Burton, Live Oak.
JOCHUMSEN, Edmond C., Tampa.
JOHNSON, Alfred Lee, Jacksonville.
JONES, Arthur S., Anna Maria.
KEEN, Huston, McAlpine.

Privates—Continued

LANGFORD, Neal, Lake Butler.
LEONARDY, Charlie C., Osteen.
LIGHT, Ely, Jr., Melbourne.
LOPEZ, Charles, West Palm Beach.
LOSCO, Marion Joseph, South Jacksonville.
LYNCH, William H., Gainesville.
McDONALD, James D., Gainesville.
McGRAW, Mathew C., De Funiak Springs.
McLEAN, Oscar R., Jay.
MEDLIN, Abney B., Leesburg.
MILLS, Claude, Greensboro.
MIMS, Arthur L., Graceville.
MORRIS, William C., Fort Lauderdale.
MOTT, Thomas St. C., Jacksonville.
MYERS, Isaiah, Epopke.
NORTON, Walter V., Lake City.
O'CONNOR, Charles A., Orlando.
ORR, James R., Bowling Green.
PITTS, John H., Frink.
POPHAM, Raymond W., Tampa.
RAULERSON, Porter, West Palm Beach.
RIZER, Cornelius, Apalachicola.
RYE, Percy, Parrish.
SANDS, Howard J., Key West.
SANDS, John K., Key West.
SAWYER, Arthur D., Key West.
SHANKS, Elmer F., Miami.
SHELTON, Curtis E., Woodrow.
STREBLOW, Milfrid Stanley, Zephyr Hills.
TAYLOR, Cyrus S., Tampa.
TURNER, Joe, Perry.
WARNER, Russel C., Daytona.
WATKINS, James E., Arcadia.
WEEKS, Nathaniel, Gardner.
WHITEHURST, John W., Cottondale.
YARNALL, Lewis Worrall, Jr., Haines City.

DIED OF DISEASE

Lieutenants

GREGORY, Hugh T., Winter Garden.
HALL, William L., Jasper.
PERRY, Floyd L., Miami.
QUISENBERRY, James F., Tampa.
TORRES, Louis Alexander, Tampa.

Sergeants

EMERSON, Clyde A., Petersburg.
FRIERSON, Rhea P., Winter Haven.
GOODWIN, Dorsett G., Jacksonville.
HEBB, Harris H., Lakeland.
MOORE, Wilbur E., Jacksonville.
ROSENFELD, Emil, Miami.
SCOTT, Bailey, Titusville.
THOMAS, Cossie R., Lacoochee.
YALE, Hugh A., Haines City.

Corporals

ADDISON, Claude S., Lawtey.
BUHLER, George W., Artesia.
BUMBY, Joseph E., Orlando.
CAMPBELL, True, Argyle.
CASON, Joseph S., Welborn.
DENMARK, Gordon H., Lake City.
GAMMONS, Douglass, Tampa.
GELSEY, Adolphus, Orangedale.
GILES, Pete, Jacksonville.
GRACE, Harry G., Panama City.
HINSON, Paul T., Hinson.
JABBOUR, James B., Jasksonville.
JONES, Walter E., Archer.
LOWE, Joseph A., Tampa.
McCOMBS, Alexander, Miami.
McKNIGHT, James Hileray, Bonifay.
OWENS, James, Pensacola.
WATKINS, John D., Dunedians.

Cooks

FOWLER, Ira J., Arcadia.
GARRISON, William Woodruff, Jacksonville.
GREEN, Isiah, Appachooba.
LEMIEUX, Lewis T., Southport.

Saddler

LINDLAND, Tellef, Live Oak.

Wagoners

DAVIS, Leon A., Miami.
KIRBY, Tom W., Fenholloway.
KNIGHT, Carl U., Jacksonville.
LOWE, Henry, Naples.
PEACOCK, Lawrence S., De Land.

Privates

ADAMS, John, Carbur.
ALSTON, Alex, Orlando.
ANDERSON, Mannie, Live Oak.
ARGO, V., Arcadia.
ARRANT, William D., Darlington.
BADGER, Norman, Tampa.
BAKER, Golias, Marianna.
BAKER, Ralph Marion, St. Petersburg.
BALDWIN, Raymond, Alton.
BARNES, Bryan Irwin, Secanto.
BARNES, Laurence B., Willborn.
BARR, Henry F., Dowling Park.
BATES, Sydney M., Lockloosa.
BEDENBAUGH, Amon L., Lake City.
BELLAH, John M., Gainesville.
BLYE, Harry, Ocala.
BRADLEY, Daniel, Milton.
BRADLEY, Ed., Jasper.
BRANNING, James M., Marianna.
BRANTLEY, Jack L., East Tampa.
BROOKS, Allen, Tampa.
BROWN, Alex, Lakeland.
BROWN, Doll, Rodman.
BROWN, Nathan, Jacksonville.
BROWN, Stephen L., Fort Christmas.
BROWN, Watson, Wacissa.
BROWNING, Homer F., Lovett.
BRYAN, John F., Ybor City.
BRUNSON, John, Jacksonville.
BULLARD, Mack, Fort Meade.
BUTLER, Thomas Alexander, West Jacksonville.
BYRD, William E., Ponce de Leon.
BYTHEWOOD, Andrew M., Jacksonville.
CABRERA, Joseph R., Tampa.
CAIN, John G., Fort White.
CAINE, John S., Jacksonville.
CALTON, James, Levey City.
CAMPBELL, Lucius, Palatka.
CARTER, Charlie, Starke.
CATO, Horace L., Cokeburg.
CERUTI, James D. W., Pensacola.
CHESHIRE, James O., Live Oak.
CLARK, Misseldine, Betts.
COBB, Thomas Jefferson, Noma.
COOK, Leroy, Winter Haven.
COPELAND, Will, Niceville.
CORNELL, Englebert, St. Augustine.
COX, Percy F., Palmetto.
COZART, John A., Esto.
CREWS, Warren G., Fort Denand.
CROMARTIE, James T., Bartow.
CROSBY, Herman, Starke.
CUNNINGHAM, Leonard, Fort Mead.
CURTIS, William L., Clearwater.
DAVIS, Isaac, Wauchula.
DAVIS, John E., Bocagrande.
DAVIS, Patrick H., Hilliard.
DINGLEY, George Porter, Woodrow.
DIXON, William H., Jacksonville.
DUCKWORTH, Robert L., Live Oak.
EADY, Elliott, Lake City.
EATON, Robert, Micanopy.
EDWARD, James, Green Cove Springs.
EPPS, James, Eustis.
EVANS, Ernest, Micanopy.
EZELL, James G., Graceville.
FAULKNER, William Edgar, Perry.
FIELDS, Preston, Tampa.
FLIN, Fred, Gainesville.
FRANCIES, Britton, Tampa.
FRANCIS, Ephraim, Perrine.
FRANZEN, Herbert, Miami.
FRIALL, Isaiah, Miami.
FULFORD, Leonard P., Punta Gorda.
FULLER, Ellis F., Hildreth.
GAYLE, Robert L., Greenville.
GEORGE, Willie, Pomona.
GILLYARD, Joe, Redman.
GODWIN, Erb, Laurel Hill.

In a book compiling all the American casualties from the Great War, the page dedicated to Florida, listed Ian among the privates killed in action.

A.C Doyle,W.M Haulsee, and F.G Howe, *Soldiers of the Great War*, Vol 1, (Washington, D.C: Soldiers record publishing association,1920), 193.

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Transcription of the Internment Record

Name	Ian Brandon
Rank	Private
Residence Place	Florida
Military Unit	5th USMC Regiment, 2nd Division
Military Branch	U.S. Marine Corps
War	World War I
Death Date	6 Jun 1918
Cemetery Section	Tablets of the Missing
Cemetery	Aisne-Marne American Cemetery
Burial Place	Belleau, France

Ian Brandon's interment record references his unit as the 5th Marine Regiment, 2nd Division. It also indicates that his name appears on the Tablets of the Missing at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France, a reminder that that his remains were never recovered.

"U.S., Headstone and Interment Records for U.S., Military Cemeteries on Foreign Soil, 1942-1949," database, *Ancestry* (ancestry.com: Accessed June 16, 2026), entry for Leroy Ian Brandon.

https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9170/records/30089458?tid=&pid=&queryId=b7600e35-fd62-46b2-9d76-f23a287ce0cb&_phsrc=zQl921&_phstart=successSource.

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Transcript of an article of *Tampa Tribune*

Brandon First Man From Pinellas who Died For Country

CLEARWATER. July 4 – Special.)--
At 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Judge Brandon received a telegram from Maj. Gen. George Barnett announcing the death of his only son Ian Leroy Brandon.

Judge Brandon was in his office at the court house when the telegram came, talking to Sheriff Whitehurst. On account of some trouble with his eyes, the judge asked the sheriff to read the telegram for him, which he did, and broke the sad news to him as gently as possible.

His mother is in Lynchburg, Va., spending the summer with his two sisters, Miss Mabel and Miss Sadie, who are attending school there. A telegram this morning from Miss Mabel states that her mother had a very bad night last night, but is better this morning.

Mrs. Vida Ballard arrived this morning from Jacksonville, to be with her father. Brandon was the first Pinellas soldier to die in battle.

The flag on the pinellas county court house is at half mast today on account of the death of Ian Brandon.

Arrangements are being made for a memorial service to be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in which military and other organizations will take part.

On July 5, 1918, *The Tampa Tribune* described the moment Ian's father learned of his son's death. The article also briefly described his family's reaction and their plans for a memorial.

"Brandon First Man From Pinellas Who Died For Country," *The Tampa Tribune* (Tampa, Florida), July 5, 1918. Newspaper.com.

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The Chapel at Aisne-Marne Cemetery

The chapel at Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France, standing in front of Belleau Wood where Ian lost his life.

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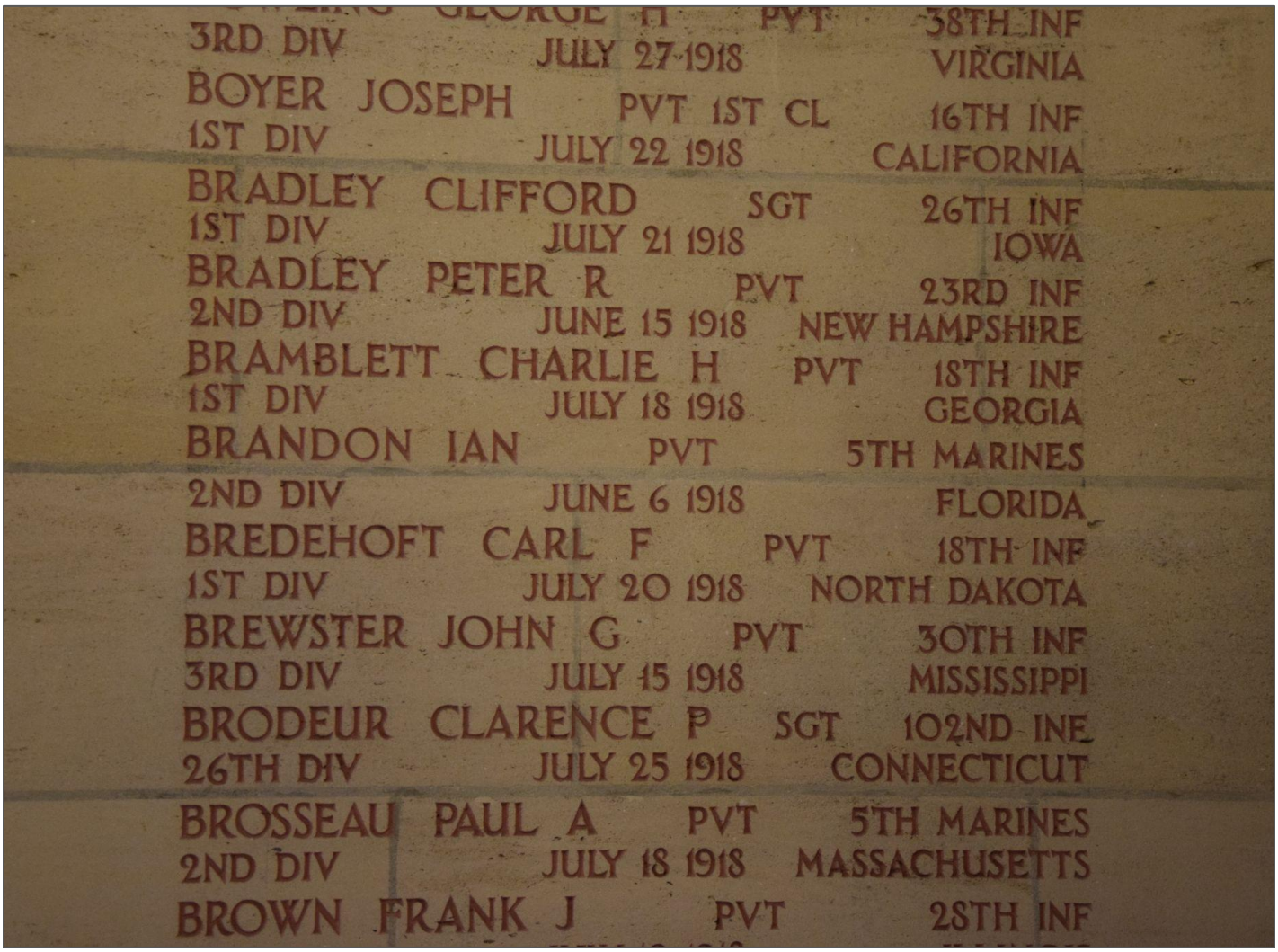
The Tablets of the Missing



The Tablets of the Missing cover the walls of the Chapel at the Aisne Marne American Cemetery in Belleau, France. Private Leroy Ian Brandon appears alongside the names of the other soldiers and Marines whose remains were never recovered.

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